

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011

SPEECH OF

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 27, 2010

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration of the bill (H.R. 5136) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2011 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes:

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Chair, I rise today in support of the men and women in our armed forces and H.R. 5136, the National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2011. H.R. 5136 makes sound investments in our armed forces—strengthening our national security and providing needed resources and support for our men and women in uniform and their families.

I am particularly pleased by the inclusion of twenty-eight provisions to ensure the Defense Department has the tools it needs to prevent and respond to sexual assault in the military. These important provisions will implement into law many of the recommendations of the Defense Task Force on Sexual Assault in the Military Services, and the inclusion of these provisions in this bill makes this the single most comprehensive legislative package in history to address sexual assault in the military.

Preventing sexual assault in the military is a persistent problem and an issue that I have worked on for many years. I firmly believe that the best way to effectively tackle a problem such as sexual assault in the military is to have accurate data, which is why I previously introduced legislation that would force the Department of Defense (DoD) to implement fully the Defense Incident-Based Reporting System (DIBRS). DIBRS collects statistics about crimes committed within the military services.

Despite the clear need for a well-functioning system for reporting such crimes, DIBRS has yet to be completed. In the FY10 National Defense Authorization Act, I offered an amendment that was successfully adopted that required that the Secretary report to Congress on the Department's progress to completing DIBRS. Since that time, the Defense Department reports that the Navy has resumed full-time reporting and is working towards full compliance. I applaud the Department for its efforts and look forward to an accurate accounting of the crimes that are occurring in the U.S. military and the effective policies that will be implemented in response to ensure the safety of our military personnel.

I have also introduced legislation, the Preventing Sexual Assaults in the Military Act, that would provide funding to process the backlog of DNA kits in the military, reduce the processing time, train medical personnel as SANEs, and ensure an adequate supply of

rape kits to theaters of operation, academies, and domestic or overseas bases. Similar provisions passed in the FY05 Defense Authorization legislation, and I am very pleased to see that this bill before us today requires DoD to specifically budget for the sexual assault prevention and response program—a program that addresses these shortfalls.

This bill before us today protects and supports our military service members, while strengthening the ability of the finest military in the world to respond to today's and future threats.

I urge my colleagues to support it.

RECOGNIZING RECIPIENTS OF THE 2010 SHELTER HOUSE VOLUNTEER AWARDS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 08, 2010

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Shelter House, Inc., and particularly the contributions that its volunteers make in service to our community. Shelter House and its outstanding volunteers serve Northern Virginia by coming to the aid of some of those most in need of support and assistance. Volunteers are critical in helping Shelter House achieve its mission of breaking the cycle of homelessness by providing crisis intervention, temporary housing, training, counseling, and programs to promote self sufficiency.

Shelter House is a community-based, non-profit organization. It was formed in 1981 when several ecumenical groups came together to better serve low-income individuals and families. Shelter House operates three shelters, the Katherine K. Hanley Family Shelter and the Patrick Henry Family Shelter, which provide temporary housing for families in our community who find themselves homeless, and also Artemis House, Fairfax County's Domestic Violence Shelter. This year, Shelter House was named to the Catalogue for Philanthropy: Greater Washington, as "One of the Best" area non profits.

In addition, Shelter House offers transitional housing services throughout Fairfax County. As part of the effort to stop the cycle of homelessness, the services provided by Shelter House continue even after individuals enter permanent housing.

Individuals, organizations, and businesses dedicate their time, money, and wherewithal to help Shelter House succeed in its efforts to end homelessness in Fairfax County. These relationships are critical assets to Shelter House and a leading cause for its successes. Shelter House has recognized the specific contributions from its partners and volunteers and named the following recipients of its 2010 Volunteer Awards:

Ending Homelessness Award: Great Falls Women's Club

Friend of Shelter House Kids Award at the Patrick Henry Family Shelter: Kate Seikaly

Friend of Shelter House Kids Award at the Katherine K. Hanley Family Shelter: Clifton Community Women's Club

Friend of Shelter House Kids Award at Artemis House: Rhonda Gary

Community Partner Award at the Patrick Henry Family Shelter: Northern Virginia Urban League

Community Partner Award at the Katherine K. Hanley Family Shelter: National Charity League, Inc., Cherry Blossom Chapter

Community Partner Award at Artemis House: Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.—Fairfax County Alumnae Chapter

Youth Volunteer Award: Lexi Hamilton

Unsung Hero Award: Anika Armstrong

Special Event Volunteer Award: Tanika Siler
Community Champion Award: Balfour Beatty Construction

We also must acknowledge the impact of all Shelter House volunteers who work to provide secure, structured environments and connect families with the supportive services they require. These volunteers help make Shelter House one of the most effective organizations in the battle to end homelessness by empowering families to reach their full potential.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in expressing our gratitude for the efforts of these volunteers and their colleagues at Shelter House. The selfless commitment of these individuals provides enumerable benefits to the Northern Virginia community as well as life-changing services to individuals in need.

IN HONOR OF THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF TEMPLE SINAI

HON. JOHN H. ADLER

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mr. ADLER of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Temple Sinai in Cinnaminson, New Jersey for providing a place of religious education, worship, and community service. Temple Sinai has served as a loyal establishment for the South Jersey Jewish community for 25 great years.

The traditions of Temple Sinai, a family growing, learning, worshipping, and working together, are still upheld today. These valuable practices are due to the wonderful leadership by Rabbi Steven Fineblum, teachers, and most importantly, dedicated members to the synagogue.

In recognition to the many years of dedicated religious practice and service to the community, I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating Temple Sinai on its 25th anniversary.

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